

Table 103. Personal crimes, 2002:

[Download spreadsheet version](#)Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,
by race of victims and type of crime

Race and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Total	Reported to another official	Private or personal matter	Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	Not important enough	Insurance would not cover	Not aware crime occurred until later
White							
All personal crimes	100 %	17.4 %	21.3 %	15.9 %	5.4 %	0.1 %*	0.4 %*
Crimes of violence	100	17.5	21.9	16.2	5.6	0.1 *	0.2 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	100	4.7 *	9.8 *	12.3 *	6.6 *	0.0 *	5.3 *
Robbery	100	6.9 *	7.5 *	9.5 *	4.4 *	1.8 *	0.0 *
Assault	100	18.6	23.2	16.8	5.7	0.0 *	0.0 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	100	13.7 *	3.2 *	7.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	8.6 *
Black							
All personal crimes	100 %	15.1 %	19.6 %	15.5 %	1.0 %*	0.0 %*	2.2 %*
Crimes of violence	100	15.5	20.1	15.0	1.0 *	0.0 *	2.3 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	100	0.0 *	7.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	100	17.0 *	0.0 *	16.0 *	9.6 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	100	17.9	24.9	17.5	0.0 *	0.0 *	3.0 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	100 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	33.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *

Race and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Unable to recover property; no ID no.	Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal	Too inconvenient or time consuming	Other reasons
White							
All personal crimes	0.8 %*	3.1 %	5.1 %	3.0 %	4.6 %	2.5 %	20.3 %
Crimes of violence	0.4 *	2.2	5.0	3.0	4.7	2.6	20.6
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	4.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	24.6 *	0.0 *	32.4 *
Robbery	1.9 *	14.3 *	9.7 *	20.3	6.0 *	5.1 *	12.5 *
Assault	0.3 *	1.3	4.9	2.0	4.0	2.5	20.8
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	13.6 *	32.7 *	7.3 *	3.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	10.2 *
Black							
All personal crimes	0.6 %*	8.8 %	4.0 %*	4.0 %*	4.7 %*	3.0 %*	21.5 %
Crimes of violence	0.0 *	9.0	4.2 *	4.1 *	4.9 *	1.9 *	22.1
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	6.4 *	6.4 *	37.5 *	0.0 *	42.0 *
Robbery	0.0 *	17.5 *	7.8 *	9.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	22.2 *
Assault	0.0 *	9.3 *	3.3 *	2.9 *	0.0 *	2.5 *	18.7
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	23.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	42.8 *	0.0 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.